

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## (Caption of Case)

Letter in Support of the South Carolina Telephone  
Coalition's Motion to DismissBEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NUMBER: 1997 - 239 - C

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**RE: Letter in Support of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition's Motion to Dismiss  
Docket No. 1997-239-C**

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Dear Mr. Terreni:

Verizon South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Communications, Inc. (hereinafter, "Verizon") respectfully submits this letter in support of the Motion to Dismiss filed by the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") on June 20, 2008.

As the SCTC points out, the Commission's previous orders address when cost studies should be updated and those orders have been reviewed and upheld by the South Carolina Supreme Court. Under those orders, Verizon does not meet the threshold for updating its cost study because Verizon only receives approximately 10% of what the Commission approved in the original USF proceeding. Verizon submits that the best course to follow would be to continue to apply the threshold previously established by the Commission and approved by the Supreme Court.

Verizon also agrees with SCTC that the Commission should proceed to determine the outstanding administrative issues on an expedited basis.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact me.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
Steve W. Hamm

cc: Parties of Record

Enclosures

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**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
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**DOCKET NO. 97-239-C**

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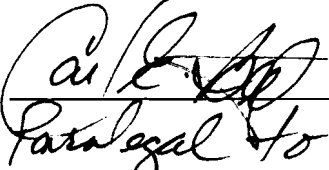
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